

November 14, 2021

On the Way: New Vision



Piano Prelude Blind Vision – *A. Streliski*
There is a Balm in Gilead – *arr. C. Berry*
Be Thou My Vision – *arr. T. Fettke*

Welcome

Call to Worship

This is a new day.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

We come as pilgrim people,
looking for God's presence in the everyday,
searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.
Let us rejoice in God's gifts to us!

Hymn **461** (v.1, 2, 4) – *Be Thou My Vision*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Response to Prayer **VU 402** v.4

We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite,
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.

We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved,
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Pardon

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

In our struggle to hear your Word, O God,
bleed our doubts, our wonderings, our wanderings,
life's deepest questions
and deeper mysteries.

Teach us to love our questions
as well as our understanding.
Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 145: 1-16 (responsive, see pg. 5)

Mark 10:46-52

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn **203** (v.1, 4, 6, 7) – *When Jesus the Healer Passed through Galilee*

Sermon – *On the Way: New Vision*

Hymn **634** (v.1, 3, 4, 5) – *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Prayers of the People

Loving God,

hear our prayer.

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn **670** (v.1, 2, 3, 5) – *Amazing Grace*

Benediction

Organ Postlude Toccata – *T. Dubois*

*This morning, we give thanks to Jim Goring, worship leader,
and to Michael McAuley for leading our hymns.*



'A new music begins, faintly at first but rising to a steady crescendo, a music of appreciation, empathy, wonder, and, yes, all-embracing love.'

'Nothing else matters except faith expressing itself in love.'

from "Faith after Doubt" by Brian McLaren

Hymns

Hymn 461 (v.1, 2, 4) – *Be Thou My Vision*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom; be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise,
thou my inheritance, through all my days;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!**

Hymn 203 (v.1, 4, 6, 7) – *When Jesus the Healer Passed through Galilee*

**When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee,
Heal us, heal us today!
the deaf came to hear and the blind came to see.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!**

**When blind Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord,
Heal us, heal us today!
his faith made him whole and his sight was restored.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!**

**The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos,
Heal us, heal us today!
to make the sick whole and to spread the good news.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!**

**There's still so much sickness and suffering today.
Heal us, heal us today!
We gather together for healing, and pray:
Heal us, Lord Jesus!**

Hymn 634 (v.1, 3, 4, 5) – *Will You Come and Follow Me*

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Hymn 670 (v.1, 2, 3, 5) – *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

What thanks I owe you, and what love –
a boundless, endless store –
shall echo through the realms above
when time shall be no more.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 145: 1-16 (responsive)

*I will praise you, my God, my Sovereign,
and bless your name forever and ever.*

**Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
your greatness is unsearchable.*

*One generation shall praise your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.*

*On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

*The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.*

**They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*The Lord is good to all,
and your compassion is over all creation.*

*All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
all your faithful shall bless you.*

*They shall speak of the glory of your realm,
and tell of your power,*

**to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your realm.**

*Your realm is everlasting,
and your dominion endures
throughout all generations.*

*All the words of the Lord are faithful,
all the deeds of the Lord are gracious.*

**The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

**You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.